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Time to get busy in Tallahassee

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Committee meetings prior to the beginning of the 2004 legislative session on March 2 have begun in earnest.

The Governor's budget will be released next week. DEP's project priority list for FY 04-05 is now available (see next page). Clearly, it must be time to get to work.

We are again counting on each of you to get the message out to the Legislature:

"Maintain \$30 million annually in state funding for Florida's beaches; and preserve the dedicated funding source, the documentary stamp tax."

Take every opportunity — visits, calls, correspondence — over the next few months to stress the importance of adequate and reliable state funding with members of your

local legislative delegation or local elected officials planning to visit Tallahassee.

For those local government folks with general lobbyists in Tallahassee, make sure beach funding and preserving the doc stamp are front and center

on their radar screens.

Once again, we expect dollars in both Tallahassee and Washington to be in short supply, while demands continue to grow! ♦

CAPITOL WATCH



DEP sets '04-05 priorities

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Pursuant to Sections 161.091, 161.101 and 161.161, Florida Statutes, the Department is charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive, long-range statewide beach management plan. In fulfilling that responsibility, the Department has developed, in coordination with local govern-

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mental entities and the federal government, a long-range budget plan and a prioritized list of specific beach erosion control projects for FY 2004-2005.

"...Upon receipt of the FY 2004-05 legislative appropriation, the Department will develop an agreement with the local sponsor for each of the priority projects in the amounts shown on the priority list. In the event the local government indicates that funds to be used for a priority project can not be

utilized or obligated during FY 2004-05, the Department may reallocate all or portions of said funds to other projects on the priority or alternate project list. Projects will receive funding in priority order until state funding has been exhausted, beginning with 'priority projects' that can demonstrate the need for additional funds."

Of the 67 applications the DEP received, 12 were not accepted, because of sufficient funding under current contracts.

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Local Government Funding Requests FY 2004-2005 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

PROJECT	SPONSOR	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
Post Construction Monitoring*	Local Sponsors	\$438,668	\$2,397,228	\$2,733,211	\$5,569,107
Ongoing Projects — Supp. Funding **	Local Sponsors	\$482,415	\$367,305	\$599,197	\$1,448,917
Staterwide Beach Management Project Support	FDEP	\$0	\$575,000	\$0	\$575,000
Captiva/Sanibel Island Beach Nourishment	CEPD	\$1,872,164	\$3,646,183	\$8,096,756	\$13,615,103
Brevard County Beach Restoration	Brevard County	\$0	\$110,500	\$110,500	\$221,000
Hutchinson Island Beach Nourishment	Martin County	\$372,720	\$194,135	\$233,145	\$800,000
St. Lucie Inlet Management Plan Implementation	Martin County	\$6,937,500	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$9,930,000
Blind Pass Eco-Zone Restoration and Bypass	Lee County	\$0	\$527,850	\$1,172,150	\$1,700,000
Longboat Key Beach Nourishment	Longboat Key	\$0	\$3,837,380	\$14,959,485	\$18,796,865
Venice Beach Nourishment	City of Venice	\$5,428,754	\$1,201,842	\$1,364,004	\$7,994,600
Ocean Ridge Beach Nourishment	Palm Beach Cty	\$2,455,000	\$1,227,500	\$1,227,500	\$4,910,000
Ft. Pierce Beach Nourishment	St. Lucie County	\$5,250,000	\$875,000	\$875,000	\$7,000,000
St. Andrews Inlet Mngmt Plan Implementation	FDEP,	\$843,293	\$341,098	\$0	\$1,184,391
	Division of Rec/Parks				
Sebastian Inlet Management Plan Implementation	Sebastian Inlet	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
	Tax District				
Palm Beach Island Beach Restoration, Reach 2	Palm Beach	\$0	\$1,156,000	\$1,156,000	\$2,312,000
New Projects-Feasibility/Design	FDEP/Local govt	\$900,000	\$1,798,507	\$2,415,593	\$5,114,100
Inlet Sand Transfer/ Demonstration Projects	USACE/FDEP/	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
	local governments				
Collier County Beach Nourishment	Collier County	\$0	\$4,525,510	\$12,474,490	\$17,000,000
Ponce De Leon Inlet Mgmt Plan Implementation	Ponce De Leon	\$3,670,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,705,000	\$7,080,000
	Port Authority				
Phipps Beach Restoration	Palm Beach	\$0	\$397,904	\$642,096	\$1,040,000
South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment	Boca Raton	\$0	\$155,034	\$163,966	\$319,000
Southeast Regional Sand Search	FDEP	\$0	\$360,000	\$0	\$360,000
Regional Monitoring	FDEP	\$0	\$265,000	\$0	\$265,000
Navarre Beach Restoration***	Santa Rosa Cty	\$0	\$2,039,774	\$2,052,050	\$4,091,824
TOTAL PRIORITY PROJECTS		\$28,650,514	\$30,000,000	\$53,976,393	112,626,907

* Environmental and physical monitoring required by state and federal permits. A total of 27 previously constructed projects require monitoring activities for FY2004-05. Some of the projects include: Captiva/Sanibel Island, Brevard County, St. Lucie Inlet, Delray Beach, Destin/Walton County, South Annelia Island, Longboat Key, Ft. Pierce, Pensacola Beach, Ambersand Beach, South Boca Raton, and Honeymoon Island.

** Supplemental funding for previously constructed projects. Includes continuing funding for authorized program activities requesting state funding support of less than \$100,000 for the following projects: Bay County, Lido Key, Palm Beach County, Delray Beach, Jupiter/Carlin, and Marco Island.

*** Represents partial state funding. Remaining funds are included on the Alternate Project List.

ALTERNATE PROJECT LIST

PROJECT	SPONSOR	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
Navarre Beach Restoration(continued)	Santa Rosa Cty	\$0	\$2,242,341	\$2,255,835	\$4,498,176
Alligator Point Beach Restoration	Franklin County	\$0	\$1,025,000	\$1,025,000	\$2,050,000
Mexico Beach Inlet Mgmt Plan Implementation	Mexico Beach	\$0	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$850,000
TOTAL ALTERNATE PROJECTS		\$0	\$3,692,341	\$3,705,835	\$7,398,176
TOTAL PROJECT LIST (including alternate list)		\$28,650,514	\$33,692,341	\$57,682,228	\$120,025,083



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Three were denied, because feasibility studies had not been completed or the projects were not justified.

Local governments requested \$33.7 million, but the Priority Project List can only include \$30 million for local funding. The remaining \$3.7 million is requested on the Alternate Project List.

Post-construction monitor-

ing, required by permit, has been consolidated into a single budget item and listed as the top of the priority list. This ensures that permits requiring environmental and physical monitoring will receive funding.

A new category, "Ongoing Projects – Supplemental Funding," was created to provide additional funding to previously constructed or funded projects.

This category consolidates

projects seeking funding less than \$100,000 that ranked within the priority list.

Six percent of the funds have been set aside for feasibility and design studies for new projects and have been consolidated into the "New Projects" budget item. Because ranking criteria favors construction and previously nourished projects, new projects wouldn't receive funding otherwise. ♦

POST CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

PROJECT	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
Captiva/Sanibel Island Beach Nourishment	\$22,176	\$17,954	\$39,870	\$80,000
Canaveral IMP Implementation	\$100,000	\$97,000	\$97,000	\$294,000
Estero/Lovers Key Beach Restoration	\$0	\$79,819	\$90,699	\$170,518
Anna Maria Island Beach Nourishment	\$71,919	\$27,798	\$27,798	\$127,515
Lido Key Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$208,000
Brevard County Beach Restoration	\$0	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$360,000
Hutchinson Island Beach Nourishment	\$11,648	\$6,066	\$7,286	\$25,000
St. Lucie IMP Implementation	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Delray Beach Nourishment	\$54,221	\$20,958	\$20,958	\$96,137
Jupiter/Carlin Beach Nourishment	\$62,100	\$26,450	\$26,450	\$115,000
Gasparilla Island Beach Restoration	\$0	\$186,753	\$230,247	\$417,000
Destin/Walton Beach Restoration	\$0	\$76,540	\$213,460	\$290,000
South Amelia Island Beach Restoration	\$0	\$84,094	\$176,906	\$261,000
Longboat Key Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$13,404	\$52,255	\$65,659
Venice Beach Nourishment	\$45,000	\$41,219	\$46,781	\$133,000
Ocean Ridge Beach Nourishment	\$41,604	\$20,802	\$20,802	\$83,208
Ft. Pierce Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
St. Andrews IMP Implementation	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
Pensacola Beach Restoration	\$0	\$81,875	\$81,875	\$163,750
Ambersand Beach Restoration	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$700,000
Phipps Beach Restoration	\$0	\$177,909	\$287,091	\$465,000
Juno Beach Restoration	\$0	\$43,160	\$43,160	\$86,320
Bonita Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$28,480	\$55,520	\$84,000
South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$91,854	\$97,146	\$189,000
Navarre Beach Restoration	\$0	\$62,313	\$62,687	\$125,000
Honeymoon Island Beach Restoration	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Knight/Don Pedro Island Beach Restoration	\$0	\$98,780	\$121,220	\$220,000
TOTAL	\$438,668	\$2,397,228	\$2,733,211	\$5,569,107

ONGOING PROJECTS — SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

PROJECT	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
Bay County Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$50,685	\$135,315	\$186,000
Lido Key Beach Nourishment	\$248,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	\$400,000
Palm Beach County Sand Search	\$0	\$48,500	\$48,500	\$97,000
Delray Beach Nourishment	\$40,074	\$15,489	\$15,489	\$71,052
Jupiter/Carlin Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Duval County Beach Nourishment	\$194,341	\$55,766	\$64,758	\$314,865
Marco Island Beach Nourishment	\$0	\$80,865	\$219,135	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$482,415	\$367,305	\$599,197	\$1,448,917



Conferences

■ The **National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology** will be held at Wyndham Palace Resort and Spa at Lake Buena Vista Feb. 11-13. CEUs are available for Florida engineers. Go to www.fsbpa.com for information.

Challenges abound for coastal professionals. While years ago we might have been satisfied to have the sand stay on the beach for an acceptable period, times have changed. Keeping up with the technology and science of beaches is critical to serving the client or the community, satisfying the myriad interests, obtaining permits, and building a great beach. The conference brings together the crème de la crème of coastal professionals for presentations highlighting recent projects and studies.

Learn about using the new WIS wave data to compute

sediment transport, assess existing coastal process and flood shoal sands, calculate overfill, learn about the economics of beaches, study barrier island breaching, sand bypassing, and geotechnical investigations, to name a few.

■ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a special pre-conference workshop, "Calculating Sediment Transport and Morphology Change at Inlets," Feb. 9-11. Registration is limited to 75 participants. For further information, please consult www.fsbpa.com/workshop.htm.

■ The **ASBPA** will bring beach movers and shakers together with federal policy makers at its **2004 Summit** Feb. 25-27 in Washington, D.C.

The summit, timed to coincide with the start of the federal appropriations process, will include a full day of lobbying and learning on Capitol Hill, as

well as working sessions with Members of Congress, Corps officials and key federal staffers at the Washington Court Hotel (the summit headquarters). The Capitol Hill sessions include a working lunch with the Congressional Coastal Caucus and an awards reception in the Capitol that evening.

A more detailed agenda for the Summit, along with registration information for the event, is available from the ASBPA Web site at www.asbpa.org. Conference registration is limited. A limited number of rooms are available at the Washington Court, so those interested in staying on-site should call (800) 321-3010 or (202) 628-2100 before the early-registration deadline of Jan. 23.

■ The **FSBPA Annual Meeting** is scheduled at South Seas Resort on Captiva Sept. 29-Oct. 1. ♦

DEP news

■ Amendments to 63B-36 F.A.C., Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, were adopted December 25. Go to <http://fac.dos.state.fl.us/faconline/chapter62.pdf>.

■ Russell Snyder, DEP's Southwest project manager, has joined the planning department for Tallahassee. Mike Barnett and Phil Flood plan to introduce his replacement at the Southwest Florida Beaches and Inlet Convention Jan. 26. ♦



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Hit the beach!

Beach renourishment for national defense? Who knows! Here, a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) rests on the beach at Santa Rosa Island after making landfall Dec. 11. Marines from the 22nd Expeditionary Unit stormed the same beach the next day, kicking off six days of training at Eglin Air Force Base. (Photo courtesy Pensacola News Journal.)

Beach briefs

■ The **Broward County** shore protection project has received a favorable environmental impact statement from the Army Corps of Engineers. According to Steve Higgins, "The beaches of Broward County are a billion-dollar-a-year economic engine. They protect \$4 billion in upland structure and infrastructure and attract hundreds of millions of dollars in nation and international revenues." To view a copy

of the statement, go to http://planning.saj.usace.mil.envdocs/Broward/BC_Shore_Protection_Proj/index.htm

■ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is researching dredging **Fort George Inlet**, between Mayport and Little Talbot Island, because it contains large amounts of sand that could be suitable for beach renourishment from Mayport south to **Jacksonville Beach**. Meanwhile an environmental assessment has begun on a

shoal about seven miles off Jacksonville's coast that has been identified as possibly having suitable sand.

■ Preliminary work begins this month on the \$5.2 million **Boca Raton** project. Sand will be placed on the 1.5-mile shoreline between South Beach Park and the Boca Raton Inlet. The project will be finished by March. A combination of state, city and Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District money will pay for the work. ♦